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Applicant: A.K. Forsythe Attorney Docket No.: GTDV120953
Application No.: 10/688,579 Group Art Unit: 3676
Filed: October 17, 2003 Examiner: A.L. Jackson
Title: KNOB ATTACHMENT ASSEMBLY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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December 28, 2004

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Cite No. F1 - Appears to disclose an operating unit for cooking, cooling, and cleaning apparatuses, especially home cooking apparatuses. More specifically, Cite No. F1 appears to show an operating control for a domestic appliance which has an operating element fitted onto a seat held against an operating panel by cooperating fixing elements as shown in Figures 1-5.

Cite No. F2 - Appears to disclose a mounting assembly for coupling operating knobs to electrical units, the mounting assembly having a latching profile that interfaces with a coupling element to allow connection between a knob and an output shaft of the electrical unit as shown in Figures 1-12.

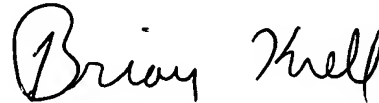
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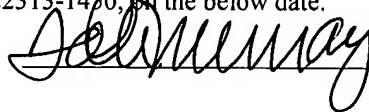


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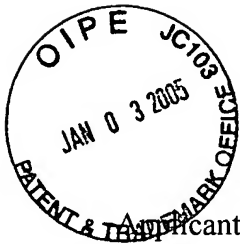
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